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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SECOM Security Awareness Working Group

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Security Orientation Briefings

1. At the Security Committee conference held on 13-14 March 1979, it was noted that persons without intelligence backgrounds sometimes require access to SCI, and that their inadequate understanding of security sensitivities and of safeguarding procedures contributes to poor security discipline. It was further noted that the normal indoctrination process for SCI access did not seem adequate to give such persons (e.g., attorneys reviewing intelligence activities for compliance with Executive Orders) a clear perception of why the material they dealt with was sensitive and what they needed to do and to avoid doing to maintain its security.

2. I request that you, in conjunction with your Working Group, develop for approval by the Security Committee a security orientation briefing to meet this need. The briefing should convey in layman's language a clear statement of why much intelligence information and intelligence sources and methods are sensitive; the probable consequences of disclosure, and basic "do's and don'ts" for safeguarding the information involved. The briefing should be oriented to professional level personnel; should address the whole spectrum of sensitive intelligence (e.g., HUMINT as well as SCI); and should be of such duration and character as would reasonably hold the attention of personnel without experience in national security or intelligence matters.

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3. Please have your proposal ready for Security Committee consideration by May 25, 1979.

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